

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 24-53 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 24, 33 and 42 are independent.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document in connection with parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/125,597, filed on April 19, 2002.

Applicants further appreciate the Examiner's acceptance of the drawing figures filed on October 9, 2003.

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner allowed each of the pending claims but objected to the specification. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the title of the invention for not being descriptive and required a new Abstract that clearly indicates the invention to which the claims are directed. The Examiner closed prosecution on the merits under *Ex Parte Quayle*.

By the instant amendment, the title of the invention is amended and the Abstract of the Disclosure is replaced by a new Abstract. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification are respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.